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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing you today to express my opinion in regards to the Microsoft settlement that was reached in November. I feel this issue has gone on long enough. I support Microsoft in this debate and am anxious to see this dispute resolved.

This settlement contains provisions that will not only allow Microsoft to remain together, but will also benefit competing companies and computer makers. According to the settlement text, Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows, beginning with the interim release of Windows XP, to provide a mechanism on the desktop to make it easy for computer makers or consumers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. Microsoft has also promised not to retaliate against computer makers who ship software that competes with anything in its Windows operating system.

This settlement is complete and thorough. It will serve in the best public interest. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Elaine Pataki

cc: Senator Rick Santorum